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APPROVAL OF UNDP/UNCDF ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF
GUINEA BISSAU

IPF: (1987-91) $27 683 000
(GBS/90/007)-(GBS/90/C02) - Improvement of Housing Conditions in Bissau and Urban Planning

Date of approval by the AC: 1/	11 December 1991
Expected duration:	Three years
Proposed executing agency:	UNCHS/HABITAT
Government implementing agency:	Secretariat of State for Planning
Proposed UNDP contribution:	$983 000 Source of funds: IPF
Proposed UNCDF contribution:	$3 158 900 Source of funds: UNCDF General Resources
Government contribution:	$594 700

Project background

The majority of the population in Guinea-Bissau is rural. However, as a consequence of natural population growth as well as migration from the countryside to the cities, the urban population is rapidly growing. The urban sector is characterised by a lack of urban planning, a housing shortage affecting all categories of the population, a lack of infrastructure and the deterioration of that existing, and the absence of housing credit,. The uncontrolled development of urban centers contributes to poor health conditions of the urban population.

In 1987, Guinea Bissau launched a Social and Infrastructure Relief Programme (SIRP), which sought to correct the negative social effects of the Structural Adjustment Programme. SIRP includes the rehabilitation and construction of urban infrastructure, as well as the development of low-cost housing for which the Government has requested the support of UNDP and UNCDF.

Description of project

The project is made up of five components: (i) the elaboration of master plans for the development of Bissau and seven towns of the interior; (ii) the development of a 29.2 hectares site in Bissau, offering 551 new plots for housing construction; (iii) the provision of a credit line for 407 loans for low-income households and for 100 loans for owners of existing houses on the site, to cover the costs of building materials for the self-help construction or rehabilitation of houses; (iv) the design and implementation of financial and administrative

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Inputs

procedures for the recovery of investment costs, and the creation of a Reinvestment Fund for Housing; and (v) the training of national personnel in urban planning and administration methods

UNCDF will fund the construction of secondary and tertiary roads and drainage, water supply, secondary electricity distribution and public lighting, the construction of a market and of sites for waste collection, transport and electrical equipment, and the housing credit.

UNDP will cover the cost of technical assistance (a CTA, two UNVs to support the organisation of credit and self-construction., and short-term specialised expertise); administrative support; and equipment and supplies for the project office and the elaboration of the master plans.

The Government will finance a topographical study (through a World Bank project); the construction of primary roads (World Bank project) and installation of primary electricity; and the compensation for three households displaced by the project.

Financial data

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	UNCDF	UNDP
International staff and administrative support		583 000
Missions	147 000	
Fellowships		25 000
Subcontracts	116 500	123 500
Equipment and supplies	256 000	180 000
Construction	1 305 000	
Credit	858 600	
Miscellaneous		71 000
Contingencies	267 000	
Support costs	208 800	
Total	3 158 900	983 000

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